

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY--**  
**ORIGINAL APPLICATION**

Attorney's Docket No.115.12

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

MICHAEL J. GAZEWOOD

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

Michael J. Gazewood  
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United States Citizen

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled, **RIBBED SEALING ELEMENT AND METHOD OF USE** the specification of which

(check one) X is attached hereto.

\_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as  
Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Applications: N/A

	Priority	Claimed
(number) (country) (Day/Month/Year filed)	Yes	No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>N/A</u>		
(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status-patented, pending, abandoned)

**Power of Attorney:** As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: C. Dean Domingue, Registration No. 33,682; Warner J. Delaune, Jr., Registration No. 36,781; and Robert L. Waddell, Registration No. 35,795.

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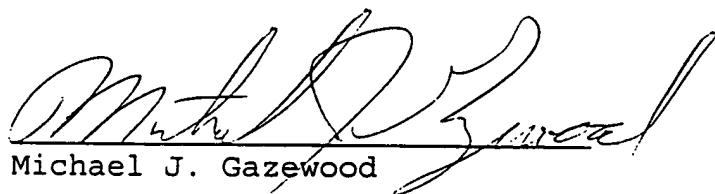
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Signature of Inventor



Michael J. Gazewood

Date: April 27th, 1999

ASSIGNMENT  
FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION

I, Michael J. Gazewood residing respectively at (city and state or country)

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do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto, Thru-Tubing Technology, Inc. a corporation organized under the laws of Louisiana and having an office at

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herein sometimes called "ASSIGNEE," the entire right, title and interest, together with all rights of priority, in and to our invention for the **Ribbed Sealing Element and Method of Use**,

as described and/or claimed in our application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, executed and filed on even date herewith and as described and/or claimed in any and all applications for Letters Patent based thereon, including divisions, continuations and reissues thereof as well as all foreign counterparts thereof, together with all Letters patent issuing on any of the aforesaid applications for Letters Patent, the same to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, to the full ends of the terms of all said Letters Patent therefore which may be granted.

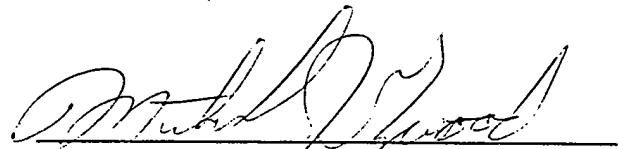
AND I HEREBY AUTHORIZE ASSIGNEE to make applications for and to receive Letters Patent for said invention in any foreign countries in its own name, or in my name, at its election.

AND I HEREBY COVENANT AND AGREE that I will execute or procure any further necessary assurance of title to said invention and any Letters Patent which may issue therefor and that I will, at any time, upon the request and at the expense of ASSIGNEE deliver any testimony in any legal proceedings and execute all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said invention, or any Letters Patent which may be granted therefor, in ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives, and that

I will, at any time, upon the request and at the expense of ASSIGNEE, execute any continuations, divisions, reissues, or any other additional applications for Letters Patent for said invention or any part or parts thereof, all of which applications and any Letters Patent issuing thereon are hereby assigned to ASSIGNEE, and will make all rightful oaths, and of all lawful acts requisite for procuring the same therein, without further compensation, but at the expense of ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives.

AND I HEREBY AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States for said invention, resulting from any of the aforesaid applications to said as sole assignee.

WITNESS MY hand this 27 day of April, 1999.

  
MICHAEL J. GAZEWOOD  
April 27th, 1999  
Date

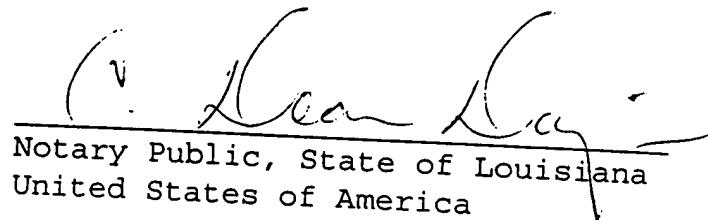
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Acknowledgment

State of Louisiana

Parish of Lafayette

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1999 personally appeared before me **MICHAEL J. GAZEWOOD** known, and known by me to be the same persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same, of his own free will and for the purposes set forth.

  
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Notary Public, State of Louisiana  
United States of America

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